



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, August 13, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met August 13, 2013 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on August 7, 2013 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2013 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Shaw to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 23, 2013 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; abstain: Anderson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on culvert replacements and the progress of the asphalt project. Tom told the board he had hired Harry Kliewer for the road bridge crew. Two easements were presented.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to approve the easement request of Neil Cloet for an electric line across Road 312 from the SW ¼ Sec. 4 T6N-R5W to NW ¼ Sec. 9 T6N-R5W for grain drying equipment—agricultural use only. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to install communications facilities on Road R between SW ¼ Sec. 11 T6N-R6W and SE ¼ Sec. 10 T6N-R6W; work order #15022619130801. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

At 9:15 A.M. the bids for the cab & chassis truck were opened. Representatives from several of the companies submitting bids were also present. Bids were received from:
Sahling Kenworth Inc: 2014 Kenworth \$99,260.00
Nebraska Truck Center: 2014 Freightliner \$94,433.00
Nebraska Truck Center: 2012 Freightliner \$92,962.00
Nebraska Peterbilt: 2014 Peterbilt \$116,896.00
Nebraska Truck & Equipment Co: 2014 Mack \$97,718.00

Each representative was given an opportunity to speak. After discussion, the highway superintendent said he would like to look at the trucks before the board makes a decision.



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Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to table all the truck bids until August 20, 2013. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Travis Songster, Custodian updated the board on the status of the plumbing problem in a third floor restroom. The old pipes are cracked and embedded in concrete. Two options were presented. The first would be to demo the existing bathroom to get to all the plumbing; the second option would require going through the ceiling in the clerk's vault and through a wall in the back room of the clerk's office causing minor repairs in the restroom. The board told Travis to proceed with the second option which should cost under \$3,000.00. Travis also gave a report of hail and wind damages from the recent storm. The board asked Travis to call the insurance adjuster to examine the county buildings in Clay Center and Edgar. The alarm system was also discussed. Someone will meet with the board at the next meeting to present more details.

At 10:15 A.M. the bids for rent on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10-8-8 were opened and discussed. Bids were received from: Jason J. Preissler for \$27,311.00; Kevin Fullerton for \$24,480.00; Kevin Hofmann for \$43,470.90 and Althouse Hay Co. for \$25,506.00.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Samuelson to accept the bid from Kevin Hofmann in the amount of \$43,470.90 for three years lease of S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10-T8N-R8W. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Pat Gewecke spoke to the board about wages for the road department. Pat also asked the board if anything could be done about the pivots watering roads. The board said they would talk to the county attorney.

The board discussed employee wages. Different percentages were discussed before a decision was made. Adding incentive pay was also discussed; this will be discussed again. In reviewing the wages, the board felt the chief deputy and the road foreman's wages needed to be increased to reflect the responsibilities that they have.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Nuss to increase the wages for Paul Hansen by \$1.50 per hour effective September 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Anderson to increase the wages for Dustin Friesen by \$1.50 per hour effective September 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Anderson to increase all employee wages by 3.5% effective January 1, 2014. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney told the board that he had looked over the letter of agreement from Region 3.



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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Nuss to authorize the chairman to sign the Letter of Agreement between Regional Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The negative balance of the E911 Fund was discussed with Ted. Sharon Lavene, County Treasurer was also present to explain about a deposit that was reversed.

The board asked Ted if there was anything they could do about the pivots watering the road. Putting information in the paper and reporting to the Sheriff's office for follow up, is being done. Ted said it was not only a safety issue but extra cost, time, effort and gravel for the road department.

The requests from the townships, fire districts and ag society for preliminary levy requests were presented and discussed. The levy requests were: **Fire Districts:** Clay Center Rural General \$11,661.00, Sinking \$17,405.00; Edgar Rural General \$36,386.53 Sinking \$15,851.83; Fairfield Rural General \$32,100.00 Sinking \$18,190.00; Harvard Rural General \$22,527.29; Sutton Rural General \$49,707.45; Trumbull Rural General \$25,000.00 Sinking \$15,688.00. **Townships:** Edgar \$4,520.71; Eldorado \$4,650.00; Fairfield \$7,918.00; Glenvil \$8,207.30; Harvard \$8,400.00; Inland \$3,901.04; Leicester \$7,800.00; Lewis \$6,837.00; Logan \$7,633.67; Lone Tree \$2,489.34; Lynn \$4,075.31; Marshall \$5,434.80; School Creek \$6,334.00; Sheridan \$7,290.00; Spring Ranch \$10,737.00; Sutton \$9,592.25. **Clay County Ag Society** \$125,209.51.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to approve the preliminary requests for levy allocation from the Fire Districts, Townships and the Clay County Agricultural Society. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

The Report to County Board by County Treasurer which is an itemized report covering the amount of uncollected personal taxes as shown by distress warrants returned by the sheriff unsatisfied was given to the board.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Nuss to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of July 2013: County Clerk, \$5,267.35, County Court \$15,318.27, Clerk of District Court, \$11,264.31, Sheriff's fees for June 2013 \$1,814.46 and County Treasurer receipts #13070001 thru #13070056 in the amount of \$183,672.32. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 12:10 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2013. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman



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